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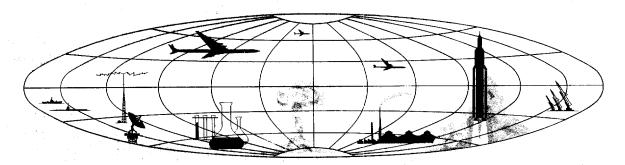








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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3573, DATED 25 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N Ø8239W

EIGHT VEHICLES OBSERVED (4 PARKED BY DRIVE-THROUGH 25X1D BUNKER, 4 IN VEHICLE PARK).

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N Ø8236W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

25X1D

25X1A

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCH POSITIONS AND A GUIDANCE

25X1D REVETMENT OBSERVED.

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25X1A

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

25X1D

SITE ABANDONED.
NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N Ø7929W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N Ø8221W

25X1D

TWENTY-FOUR MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.

HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1A

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N Ø8215W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (2 IN EACH OF 3 HOLD POSITIONS, THE 7TH IN ONE OF THE LAUNCH REVETMENTS), 2 SMALL REVETMENTS EACH WITH A VAN (ONE VAN, NET-COVERED), 3 LARGE, 2 MEDIUM, AND 4 SMALL TENTS, 10 PRIME MOVERS, 6 OTHER VEHICLES, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT.

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25X1A

MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N Ø8249W

25X1D

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITIONS, 2 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER IN HOLD POSITION AT EDGE OF THE WOODS (NOT CANVAS-COVERED), AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1A

CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

TWO LAUNCHERS, 8 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 10 PROBABLE CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, AND APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

25X1D

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 7 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE LIAISON.

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N Ø8231W

AIRCRAFT -- 33 FISHBED, 3 FARMER, 12 FAGOT/FRESCO, ONE PROBABLE FISHBED, 7 B-26, AND 2 T-6 OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT. -- 2 CLEAT, 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 CRATE (ONE ON RUNWAY), 3 C-54, ONE COOT, 2 BRITANNIA, 2 C-47, 4 C-46, 3 LIAISON/TRAINER, ONE LODESTAR, AND ONE CRATE WITHOUT WINGS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE PBY, 2 C-47, 2 CRATE, 6 COLT, AND 32 LIAISON/TRAINER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

25X1A

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.
THE VEHICLES REMAIN AT EAST END OF RUNWAY.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 52 HOUND (2 WITHOUT ROTORS), ONE C-47, ONE CRATE, 4 HARE, AND 2 BELL HELICOPTER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N Ø8217W

25X1D NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 11 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PF, AND ONE PC. NUMEROUS CRATES OBSERVED AT LA BOCA. SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N Ø7928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA PORT 23Ø8N Ø8221W

VESSELS -- 20 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE IN DRY DOCK), ONE COASTAL TANKER, 5 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 2 TRAWLERS, 3 PC, ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE RAILWAY, AND 7 PT VISIBLE.

25X1D

25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N Ø8256W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS IN PORT.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N Ø8311W

25X1D

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N Ø8233W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE VISIBLE.

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES/VANS OBSERVED.

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25X1D

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CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N Ø8252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. THREE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION

25X1D

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N Ø7934W

25X1D

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP. 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
25X1D NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

NUMEROUS VEHICLES IN CAMP.
SCATTERED CLOUDS AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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25X1A

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N Ø8214W

AT LEAST 18 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY ... 7-10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES VISIBLE.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

TWELVE CANVAS-COVERED TANKS/SP GUNS AND 11
VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

APPROXIMATELY 35 VEHICLES AND APPROXIMATELY 15 FA PIECES/EQUIPMENT VISIBLE.

25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N Ø8215W

EAST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 40 FA PIECES/EQUIPMENT, 35-40 PRIME MOVERS, AND 25-30 VEHICLES OBSERVED. WEST AREA -- 21 FA PIECES/EQUIPMENT AND APPROXIMATELY 40 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

CAMP CONTAINS ONE LOWBOY TRAILER AND APPROXIMATELY 100 VEHICLES.

25X1D

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 13 TANKS/SP GUNS, 6 LARGE NON-SOVIET-TYPE TENTS, AND APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES.

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AREA 2 -- APPROXIMATELY 15 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

AREA 3 -- 25 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 10

VEHICLES OBSERVED.

AREA 4 -- 21 FA PIECES OBSERVED.

25X1D

MINAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2306N 08211W

.8 NM SOUTH OF MINAS, .5 NM WNW OF CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE. LOCATED IN AN ABANDONED GRAVEL PIT.

AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 100 FA PIECES, APPROXIMATELY 185 VEHICLES, 10 LARGE NON-SOVIET-TYPE TENTS, AND ONE CANVAS-COVERED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE: IN FACILITIES.

APPROXIMATELY 85 VEHICLES REMAIN ON THE CENTER
LOOP ROAD.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N Ø8218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE: IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

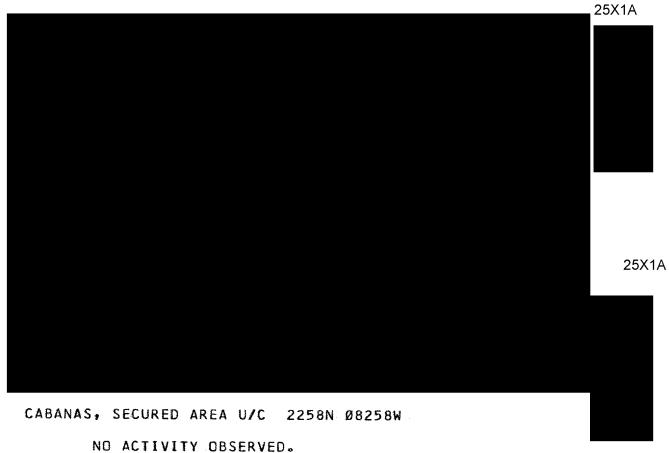
25X1D

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N Ø7953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. ONE VEHICLE OBSERVED.

25X1D

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THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.

25X1D

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE --

25X1A

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N Ø83Ø8W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N Ø7935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N Ø8258W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N Ø8227W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	225ØN Ø8233W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N Ø8244W
PLAYA YATERITAS LANDING BEACH	1958N Ø7457W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	231ØN Ø8212W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

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25X1D 25X1A

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX

2257N Ø8317W
2258N Ø8311W
2258N Ø8228W
2259N Ø8228W

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